

## Advanced (CAE) – Wordspot - I'll be .....

### A. What word is missing from these film and song titles from popular culture?

- ..... to the Future
- Don't Look ..... in Anger
- The Empire Strikes .....
- ..... in Black
- Backstreet's .....



### B. What is the meaning of the missing word in each title? Does it change depending on the context?

### C. Put the words in the box into the correct category.

laid back    put back    call back    back to back    pay back  
back and forth    back in the day    back story    look back on  
cut back (on)    ~~take back~~    get your own back

Phrasal verbs	Other uses of <i>back</i>
<i>take back</i>	

### D. Use the words from C in the correct form to complete the sentences.

- You can't enjoy the latest film unless you know the .....
- ....., before social media, the world was less connected.
- My friend lent me 20€ last week and I still need to ..... him .....
- The boss kept going ..... about how to deal with the economic crisis.
- Marta often ..... her life before having kids and how different it was.
- I've got meetings ..... all morning, so I can't help you.
- Even though Jerry is very ....., he's also a very organised person.
- The shirt I bought doesn't fit. I'll ..... it ..... to the shop tomorrow.
- I forgot to ..... Sarah ....., but now it's too late.
- Harry needs to ..... fast food or he's going to get fat.
- I can't believe what she did to me! I'll ..... one of these days!
- Paulo didn't have enough money, so he ..... the most expensive item.

**E. Complete the second sentence so that it has a similar meaning to the first sentence, using the word given. Do not change the word given. You must use between three and six words, including the word given.**

1. Nobody could believe how relaxed Fred was considering tomorrow was the semi-final.

**BACK**

It was ..... Fred was considering tomorrow was the semi-final.

2. At the end of the day, Chloe was exhausted after having one appointment after another.

**BACK**

After having appointments ..... day , Chloe was exhausted.

3. The doctor told Ben that he had to eat less sugary food if he wanted to lose weight.

**BACK**

The doctor told Ben that if he ..... sugary food, he would never lose weight.

4. Henry asked Demi to tidy everything into the shed after playing outside.

**BACK**

"Can you ..... the shed when you've finished playing, Demi", asked Henry.

5. The local police station never return your phone calls, so you have to just keep trying.

**BACK**

You have to keep trying with the local police station .....

6. Whenever Colin was nervous, he would pace from one side of his room to the other, lost in thought.

**BACK**

Whenever he was nervous, Colin got lost in thought, pacing ..... his room.

## ANSWER KEY

### A.

1. Back to the Future (film about time travel)
2. Don't Look Back in Anger (song by *Oasis*)
3. The Empire Strikes Back (2<sup>nd</sup> film of *Star Wars* original trilogy)
4. Back in Black (Song and album by *AC/DC*)
5. Backstreet's Back (Song and album by *The Backstreet Boys*)

### C.

Phrasal verbs	Other uses of <i>back</i>
<i>take back</i>	<i>laid back</i> (adjective)
<i>put back</i>	<i>back to back</i> (adjective / adverb)
<i>call back</i>	<i>back and forth</i> (adverb)
<i>pay back</i>	<i>back in the day</i> (expression)
<i>look back on</i>	<i>back story</i> (noun, also <i>backstory</i> )
<i>cut back (on)</i>	<i>get your own back</i> (expression)

### D.

1. back story
2. back in the day
3. pay him back
4. back and forth
5. looks back on
6. back to back
7. laid back
8. take it back
9. call Sarah back
10. cut back on
11. get my own back
12. put back

### E.

1. unbelievable | how laid back
2. back to back | all / throughout the
3. did not / didn't | cut back on
4. put everything back | in
5. because they never | call you back
6. back and forth | in